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Angela Santos is a Customs partner in Arent Fox's International Trade practice and leads the firm's Forced Labor Task force.

Angela helps companies identify business solutions and structure their transactions to facilitate the importation of merchandise, ensure regulatory compliance, minimize duties, and eliminate Customs penalty exposure. She is especially knowledgeable in the field of fashion imports and has assisted many of the prominent brands and fashion houses. Her experience allows her to comprehensively advise fashion and retail companies on the issues specific to their industry.

Angela leads the Arent Fox task force designed to assist clients with identifying and addressing forced labor risks in their supply chain. She works with companies to ensure that all regulatory requirements are observed and helps to implement policies and procedures to prevent the use of forced labor in the production of their products. Angela also responds to Customs questionnaires and prepares petitions for the release of merchandise detained in connection with forced labor Withhold Release Orders and helps clients to stay up to date on new developments and government enforcement measures in the space.

She helps clients manage Customs audits, respond to Customs inquiries and investigations, secure the release of detained or seized goods, mitigate or eliminate Customs penalties, and submit prior disclosures, where necessary. She has represented clients in False Claims Act investigations, FBI and ICE investigations, and in litigation in the Court of International Trade.

Angela advises clients on the development of internal import compliance programs and manuals to reduce the risk of Customs liability. Angela routinely counsels clients regarding sustainability claim substantiation and traceability in the supply chain, country of origin determinations, proper marking, correct tariff classification, valuation, duty recovery, bonded warehouse applications, and duty-free store requirements. She has extensive experience in assisting fashion companies with implementing duty savings programs including Free Trade Agreements, First Sale, and Buying Agency. In addition, she assists clients in mitigating the effects of the Section 301 tariffs by obtaining successful exclusion requests and identifying alternative manufacturing scenarios and duty savings avenues. She conducts Customs due diligence for mergers and acquisitions. Angela also guides clients through the US Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism application and verification process.



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Christine's practice is focused on customs and international trade law. As a member of Arent Fox's Forced Labor Task Force, Ms. Hintze has experience helping companies conduct due diligence on their supply chains, and preparing submissions to Customs for the release of merchandise detained in connection with forced labor Withhold Release Orders.

Ms. Hintze also has experience with the classification of merchandise under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, country of origin determinations, free trade agreements, bonded warehouses, and valuation issues including first sale and reconciliation. Christine advises clients on trade policy issues, such as the Section 232 tariffs on steel and aluminum and the Section 301 tariffs on imports from China and the EU. She has assisted with compliance on federal and state regulations including the Fish and Wildlife Service's administration of programs relating to protected species and the Office of Foreign Assets Control sanction list.

